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VK2WI Weekly News, 2nd January, 1994

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Subject: DEP May Impose Fees On YOU!  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

John Magliacane (magliaco@pilot.njin.net) wrote:

: SB NJHAM @ ALLUSA \$DEPE1  
: DEP May Impose Fees on YOU!  
:  
: The Department of Environmental Protection and Energy in New Jersey is  
: proposing a fee pertaining to owners of RF generating devices. In summary,

(snip)

This has the potential for leading to an interesting court case. In the  
early 1920's, the US Supreme Court held that ALL radio communications were

in fact interstate commerce. The US Constitution reserves the authority to regulate interstate commerce to the federal government. Any tax or fee imposed on the basis suggested in this note is a direct attempt by a state to regulate interstate commerce - and may be voided in federal court if anyone bothers to spend the \$\$\$\$ to fight it.

That the state has an interest in protecting the health of its citizens is undeniable. What has not been shown is that the level of exposure to RF from many of the sources listed are in any way harmful. Based on the scanner law controversy in NJ, one is tempted to think that there is someone of influence in NJ who just doesn't like Amateur Radio!

73 de Glenn Thomas wb6w@netcom.com

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Subject: Finally got my license in the mail!  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

SUSEEA@MAINE.MAINE.EDU wrote:

: Took the Tech test and 5wpm code on OCT. 20, 1993 and recieved  
: the license on Dec. 24, 1993. Nice Christmas present I thought.  
: Just thought some of you out there would like to know the waiting  
: time.  
: Alan  
: N1QWT

: \*\*\* My son, 11 years old also passed his Tech with 5 wpm code. He  
: recieved his ticket the same day as me. N1QWV

: Now there are 3 generations of HAMS in this family.

Congrats!!!!

de OH2KWH

-Kristoffer Heggstr|m

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Date: Mon, 27 Dec 1993 01:10:04 -0700  
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Subject: HAM-server changes  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The HAM-server index has undergone some radical changes. I am in process of adding descriptors to most of the files, and have moved some files around.

If you have ordered an index prior to 12/26, I suggest you re-order.

Send your request to:

HAM-server@grafex.sbay.org

In the text place

get \hamradio\index.txt

Do not reply to this post, or email to HAMSinfo.

73 de KA6ETB

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Subject: TOYOTAS AND MOBILE RIGS  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

>I SEEM TO RECALL A FLURRY OF INFO A FEW YEARS BACK ABOUT TOYOTAS AND MOBILE  
RIG>S. ANYONE OUT THERE RECALL THE BASIC SCOOP? TNX ES 73, BRIAN, WY2G

I bought a '92 Camry and about a month after installing a 50W 2m rig, I read that someone blew one of the car computers while running 100W on HF and was forced to pay for the \$1000 computer because, buried in some service manual at the dealer somewhere, they state that you cannot run more than 10 W in the car. I asked my dealer about this and he agrees with this finding, but has no suggestions about where to route cables to minimize such problems... heck, he couldn't even tell me where the computers were exaclty. He said they were everywhere. I have been running 5W with no problems with an occasional bump up to 25 W. However, I usually turn the car off and park it before I crank it up to 50 W which is very rarely needed. So far, no problems! Knock on wood..

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Subject: TS-850 & ICOM SM-8  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Greetings....I've been using the SM-8 microphone with my 850 for some time now and really like how well it works..however, they "up/down" feature does not work. I can get it to either go Up or Down but not both...cany anyone help me? Keep it simple please, I'm no technician but I haven't blown my self up yet either. 73....Roger

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Subject: VK2WI Weekly News, 2nd January, 1994  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

VK2WI BROADCAST, 2nd January, 1994

Welcome to the first morning/evening broadcast for 1994, and we trust that all our listeners survived the celebrations. We still have several dead transmitters, so there will be no broadcast on 160m AM, 10m SSB, 6m SSB and 2m SSB. These transmitters will be repaired when personnel become available.

The major news items this week include:

A New Year Broadcast  
Council meeting in Wollongong  
Annual General Meeting  
FM-828 Bonanza  
Packet Users meeting  
NTAC Chairman resigns

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Divisional News

A New Year Broadcast

As mentioned, this is the first "live" VK2 Broadcast for the new year. We believe that some Divisions will not commence their Broadcast until later on in the month, so in the meantime those Members and listeners bereft of a local Broadcast are invited to tune in to VK2 instead. The regular evening Broadcasts will also re-commence tonight, and call-backs on most frequencies will be taken.

## Council meeting in Wollongong

There will be a meeting of the Divisional Council held in Wollongong, at the Illawarra SES headquarters in Montague St, starting at 7.30pm. The meeting was requested by John Simon VK2XGJ. The purpose of the meeting is to consider urgent NTAC business, set a date for the EGM as requested in a petition to consider a Motion of No Confidence in Council, and to continue with business left over from the previous meeting to consider a Motion of No Confidence in the Divisional Secretary. The next Council meeting at Parramatta will be on Friday 21st January.

## Office hours

Following a well-deserved break, the Divisional Office will be open as usual from Monday 10th January, at the usual hours of 11am to 2pm Monday to Friday, and 7pm to 9pm on Wednesday nights. Thank you Margaret, and we hope your in-tray will not be too full!

## Annual General Meeting

Don't forget that the AGM has been set for Sunday 10th April. The closing date for agenda items and nominations is Monday 28th February.

## FM-828 Bonanza

Members and Clubs may be interested to know the the Division has obtained over five hundred "FM-828 high-band" VHF radios, for subsequent disposal. They were donated by a large telecommunications company in a ceremony attended by the President, Vice-President and Secretary. There will be further details in a later Broadcast.

## Trash and Treasure Sale

The next Divisional Trash and Treasure is scheduled to be held at Amateur Radio House, Parramatta, on Sunday 23rd January.

## Packet Users meeting

Listeners interested in the development of packet radio in the Sydney area are invited to an informal meeting at Amateur Radio House, 109 Wigram St, Parramatta, on Sunday 23rd January, starting at 2pm. Please contact Darryl VK2TDS for more details.

## NTAC Chairman resigns

Cesar VK2TCM, the Chairman of NTAC (the NSW Technical Advisory Committee) has resigned from that position, effective immediately. Cesar claims that the Committee cannot function effectively, as there is too much control imposed by the Council, and the long delays in approvals are causing much ill-will amongst the Clubs.

#### Vanity Callsigns in USA

Listeners may be aware that the USA regulatory body, the FCC does not charge for Amateur licences, and as a result there are no resources available to permit Amateurs to pick their own call sign. This could soon change. The FCC has released its Notice of Proposed Rule Making, in PR Docket 93-305, to permit amateurs to choose a ``vanity'' call sign. Individuals as well as trustees of club stations would be eligible to request an available call sign from the block assigned to their licence class or a lower licence class.

A fee would be required. The Communications Act specifies a fee of 7 dollars per year for amateur service vanity call signs, and allows the Commission to require payment of small fees in advance for a number of years not to exceed the relevant licence term. Fee issues would be resolved under a separate FCC rule making proceeding, and a vanity call sign system would not be started until then.

The applicant would provide a list of up to 10 total call signs desired. The FCC would assign the first available requested call sign from the applicant's list. If none of the desired call signs was available, the applicant's current call sign would be reassigned. Call signs of lapsed or deceased licensees would not be available for reassignment for two years. A call sign relinquished under the vanity call sign program would be available for reassignment immediately.

-- From the ARRL Bulletin

#### WICEN News

This is a quiet time for WICEN, barring the usual unforeseen emergencies that seem to happen at this time of the year, so this is an appropriate time to overhaul the Sydney WICEN repeater system on 7150/8275. A dual-band high-gain antenna has been borrowed, and it will be placed in service, replacing the current temporary antenna, as soon as practicable. Casual users of this

repeater system are reminded that except during net times and other activations, there is a 30-second timeout; you will soon get used to keeping your overs short to avoid getting the dreaded raspberry.

The next major exercise is the annual Bungonia Cave Rescue, on the weekend of 19-20th March. Further details will be provided in a later broadcast. The next Committee meeting will be on Saturday 12th February.

The Sydney WICEN net, normally held every Thursday at 9.30pm on repeater 7150, is in recess and will re-commence later on in the month. In the meantime, this would be a good opportunity to brush up on your communication skills, and ensure all your equipment is in working order for that sudden activation.

-- Dave VK2KFU, WICEN (NSW) Publicity Officer

#### Broadcast Summary

Summarising the articles in this news broadcast so far:

We note the passing of Reg VK2YL last month.

The VK2 Broadcasts are now "live" again, every Sunday morning and evening, and callbacks will be taken. The office re-opens on Monday week, the 10th January.

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#### Club News

##### Central Coast Amateur Radio Club

Amateur radio operators, their families, friends and those interested in amateur radio are invited to attend the 1994 GOSFORD - CENTRAL COAST FIELD DAY which will be held on Sunday 27th February 1994 at the prestige venue, the WYONG RACECOURSE. Gates open at 9:00am. TRADING AND ALL ACTIVITIES WILL COMMENCE AT THE NEW TIME OF 9:00AM.

Registration is \$8 for adults, with children under 12 free, \$5 for Seniors and Pensioners. Special group concessions are available on application. The usual attractions will be available, and there will be seminars and workshop sessions. Please listen to future broadcasts for further information.

-- From a packet bulletin by David VK2UDT

#### Coming Events

Divisional Council meeting in Wollongong	.	.	.	TUESDAY
VK2 Divisional office reopens	.	.	.	10th January
Divisional Council meeting at Parramatta	.	.	.	21st January
Divisional Trash and Treasure Sale	.	.	.	23rd January
Packet Radio users meeting at Amateur Radio House	.	.	.	23rd January
WICEN (NSW) Committee meeting	.	.	.	12th February
AATC meeting	.	.	.	13th February
Central Coast Field Day at WYONG	.	.	.	27th February
Closing date for AGM	.	.	.	28th February
Daylight Saving ends	.	.	.	6th March
Bungonia Cave Rescue (WICEN)	.	.	.	19-20th March
AATC Workshop	.	.	.	20th March

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Subject : Re: UK scanner & Cops

"It's illegal to sell drugs, but the police do it. It's illegal to buy stolen goods, but the police do it."

But they do NOT actually do those things as such; they're trying to arrest the people on the other side of those "transactions," and as long as those are people who intended to commit crimes (buying dope, selling stolen goods) I have no problem with it.

"It's illegal to speed, but police do it without the required emergency signals."

Excellent point there. There was a case a while back where a woman got fed up with sheriff's deputies' speeding and actually pulled some of them over and tried to make citizen's arrests on them; she ended up being arrested herself for speeding (in trying to overtake them), and the court ruled that while she DID have authority under the law to make the citizen's arrests she had NO authority to break the law in trying to do so.

"It's illegal to serve a warrant for a technical tax violation with concussion grenades..."

No argument there.

-- Ed Ellers, KD4AWQ

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Subject : Re: CW WAIVERS

Well, maybe we could let people choose for the kind of examn to get their

1) CW examn

- Hence you get a system in which both categories have proven their knowledge, and you'll get good operators (and the bands still don't get that crowded).

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